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- I. Earlier signs that Yemen was prepared to follow the lead of its senior partner, the UAR, and cut back its extensive relations with the Sino-Soviet bloc were followed last week by two separate proposals.

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- B. In Yemen itself, Crown Prince Badr, who has in the past maneuvered to frustrate American interests at every turn and has been the principal exponent of Yemen's extensive bloc ties, made a fervent plea to the US charge in Yemen for improved relations and economic assistance.

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- C. Present Sino-Soviet bloc economic commitments to Yemen include a \$25 million Soviet credit and a \$16 million interest-free loan from Communist China. About \$25 million of this total is believed to have been actually allocated.
1. In addition, Soviet military material worth over \$30 million has been sent to Yemen, but the Yemenis are probably expected to pay only a third of this.

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2. More than 400 bloc personnel are now believed to be in Yemen, including as many as 50 military specialists. About 300 Chinese Communists are working on their road project.

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